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Report Highlights:

On July 20, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) published final Decree 118 related to quarantine inspection for feeds and feed additives. On August 24, AQSIQ published Announcement 372 relating to the implementation of Decree 118. This Decree will go into force on September 1. This report contains an UNOFFICIAL translation of the feed labeling requirements associated with Announcement 372.

Executive Summary:

On August 24, AQSIQ published Announcement 372 on the implementation of Decree No. 118 of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) on the Supervision and Management Measures for the Inspection and Quarantine of Import and Export Feed and Feed Additives. Decree 118 was published as GAIN report CH9071 and Announcement 372 released as CH9083. These regulations will go into force on September 1. This report contains Annex 1 to the Announcement 372, outlining labeling requirements for feeds and feed additives exported to China.

This measure has not been notified to the WTO.

The original Chinese version is at the following

address: http://dzwjyjs.aqsiq.gov.cn/rdgz/200908/t20090828_125350.html

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General Information:

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Appendix 1 :

Regulation on Labeling for Imports of Feed & Feed Additives

1. Scope of application

The Regulation is intended for checking, approval and supervision of labeling for imported feed and feed additives (exclusive of grains and cereals for feed).

2. Definition of label

In this, the term “label” refers to all kinds of tags and other illustration materials which are used to describe the contents of feed and feed additive in words, graphics and symbols.

3. Label check

a) When performing the inspection and quarantine of the imported feed and feed additive on spot, the label check includes the following:

- (1) Label should be printed on the package, or stuck to or attached to the package, and should not be detached from the package.
- (2) The material which is used to print the label should be durable.
- (3) Symbols, codes and terms shown on the label should comply with national laws, regulations and rules, and should be clear and legible.
- (4) Labels should use legal units of measurement.
- (5) A label can show only one product of feed and it is forbidden to show more than one product on a label.
- (6) The label on the imported feed should use the Chinese language in standardized characters, in addition to the corresponding Chinese Phonetic Alphabet Pinyin or foreign language.
- (7) The label of imported feed which are in bulk should be delivered together with bill of lading

b) Labels are checked to make sure they meet the following requirements:

- (1) Name of feed should be adequate to describe the true content of the feed.
- (2) If the animal to be fed and feeding stage need to be indicated, the label should include the indication.
- (3) Indicate the main raw materials used to produce the feed, as well as the names of additives, carriers and diluters. Label of feed additive containing single effective ingredient may not indicate the ingredient.
- (4) Check if guaranteed analytical value of product ingredients meets the relevant rules (see Remark 1).
- (5) Label should indicate the number of code which the feed follows in production.
- (6) Check if the label on each package indicates the net weight in legal unit of measurement (metric system), and for feed and feed additive packed in bulk, the label should indicate the net weight of each package container (see Remark 2).
- (7) Check if production date of the product is indicated according to international practice, including date, month and year when production occurs.
- (8) Check if shelf life is indicated, in a format of “Shelf Life: ____ months (years or days).
- (9) Storage conditions and methods.
- (10) Name, address and code of manufacturer and distributor.
- (11) Country or region of origin.
- (12) For feed additive, premix, condensed feed and concentrate supplement, check if the label indicates the method of usage and particulars to note.
- (13) Label of animal derived feed must indicate the species of animals applicable.
- (14) For feed added with medicated feed additives, check if the label indicates “containing medicated feed additive”, as well as the legal name, exact content, incompatibility and withdrawal time and particulars to note.

c) Requirements on the site where bulk feed is packaged and stuck with label

The site should be in compliance with the requirements on animal and plant hygiene and disease control and safety. It should make available complete records on entry and exit, packaging and labeling. Waste should be disposed of in a timely and effective way and avoid cross contamination. The local inspection and quarantine institution should make strict supervision of the process of packaging and labeling, and records in detail should be made and kept.

d) Handling of nonconformity

In case that the labeling or the contents on the label fail to meet the requirements, a Notice of Inspection & Quarantine Handling will be issued, stating what is in nonconformity with the requirements. The cargo owner or its agent should dispatch the cargo to the site designated by the inspection and quarantine institution to re-label or correct. If relabeling or rectification is not possible, cargo must be returned or destroyed.

4. Legal Basis

- a) Regulation on Administration of Feed and Feed Additive
- b) Measures for Inspection, Quarantine and Supervision of Exported/Imported Feeds and Feed Additives
- c) Feed Hygienic Standard (GB 13078 – 2001)
- d) Feed Labeling (GB 10468-1999)
- e) Generic Terms for Feed Industry (GB/T 10647-1989)

5. Others

Where this Regulation conflicts with the national standards on feed labeling, the national standards should prevail. Regulation on Label Check of Imported Grain and Cereal for Feed & Feed Additive will be separately formulated.

Remark 1:

Indicating of Measurement Unit on Feed Label

1. Guaranteed analytical value of ingredients

- 1) Contents of crude protein, crude fiber, crude fat, crude ash, total phosphorus, calcium, salt, water, and amino acid are expressed by mass fraction %.
- 2) Contents of trace elements are expressed by the mass of certain element per 1000g feed, for example, mg or µg.
- 3) Contents of hazardous and harmful substances are expressed by the mass or number of certain hazardous or harmful substance per 1000g feed, for example, mg, µg or number of bacteria.
- 4) Contents of medicine and vitamin are expressed by the mass of medicine or vitamin per 1000 feed, or by the international unit of medicine biological value (mg, µg or IU).

2. Net weight

Net weight is expressed by national legal measurement units such as gram (g), kilogram (kg)

or ton (t).

Remark 2:

Items in Guaranteed Analytic Value of Product Ingredients

No.	Product category	Items in guaranteed analytic value of product ingredients	Remarks
1	Protein category	Crude protein, crude fiber, crude ash, water (add calcium, total phosphorus, salt in animal protein feed) and amino acid	
2	Compound feed	Crude protein, crude fiber, crude ash, calcium, total phosphorus, salt, water and amino acid	
3	Condensed feed	Crude protein, crude fiber, crude ash, calcium, total phosphorus, salt, water, amino acid, and main trace elements and vitamin	
4	Concentrate supplement	Crude protein, crude fiber, crude ash, calcium, total phosphorus, salt, water, amino acid, and main trace elements and vitamin	
5	Compound premix	Contents of Trace elements and vitamin and other effective components; name of carrier and diluter; water	
6	Trace elements premix	Contents of trace element effective components; names of carrier and diluter; water	
7	Vitamin premix	Contents of Vitamin effective components; names of carrier and diluter; water	
8	Mineral feed	Content of main components, main hazardous and harmful substances, water and granularity	The two items may be excluded if granularity or water are not required
9	Nutritive additive	Contents of effective components	
10	Non-nutritive additive	Contents of effective components	Exclusive of medicated feed additives
11	Others	Indicate the items which are illustrated inner quality of products.	

Note: The kinds of amino acid and the indication of guaranteed value of Items 1, 2, 3, 4 can be decided by the company according to the property of a product.